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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This letter is to express my support for the settlement in the Microsoft case. This is a balanced agreement, painstakingly negotiated with a court appointed mediator. Microsoft will have to make some critical concessions, while being allowed to use the technology that has made it the gold standard for computer innovation.

I am convinced that Microsoft's success comes from the simplicity and superiority of its product. I briefly used the Netscape Navigator before switching to the Microsoft Internet Explorer, and I found the latter to be very preferable. The company does not deserve to be punished with litigation just for being a success. I anticipate that as Microsoft is forced to open up its codes for Windows to improve interoperability, we will see the competition and Microsoft improve such soft ware as browsers and media players. In turn, that is good for consumers.

I sincerely hope the District Court Judge deems the settlement to be in the public's best interest.

Sincerely,

Stanley Kneppar

cc: Representative Robert Wexler

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